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MERCHANT SHIPPING
SAFETY

The Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment) Rules 1975

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The Secretary of State, after consulting with organisations referred to in section 7(2) of the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Act 1970 in exercise of powers conferred by section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 as substituted by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 and amended by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964 and now vested in him⁽¹⁾ and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment) Rules 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1975.

2. The Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975⁽²⁾ shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Schedule 10 (requirements for lifebuoys)—

(a) in Part I, paragraph 1, for “liferaft” there shall be substituted “lifebuoy”;

(b) in Part II after paragraph 5 there shall be added the following paragraphs:—

“**6.** Every lifebuoy shall be marked in block letters with the name and the port of registry of the vessel in which it is carried. Lifebuoys constructed of materials other than cork shall be permanently marked with the manufacturer's trade name.

7. Every lifebuoy shall be fitted with grab lines which shall be of good quality unkinkable line and well secured at four equidistant points, providing four loops of line each not less than 510 millimetres long.

8. The weight of a lifebuoy shall not exceed 3.4 kilogrammes when newly constructed.”;

(1) See S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

(2) (1975 III, p. 887).

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(2) In Schedule 11 (requirements for lifejackets), in Part I—

(a) for sub-paragraph 3(h) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:

“(h) it shall have fastening tapes securely attached to the life-jacket cover which comply with British Standards Specification No. B.S. 2F 49: 1959 and are capable of taking a load of 140 kilogrammes. The method of fastening the tapes shall be such as to be easily understood and capable of being readily carried out. Metal fastenings when used shall be of a size and strength consistent with the fastening tapes and of corrosion resistant material; and”;

(b) in sub-paragraph 5(d) for the final sentence there shall be substituted:

“The sewing shall be carried out with thread of undyed linen yarn having a count of 25 lea, 3 cord reverse twist (resultant Tex count 66), satin finish and complying with the specifications in Clauses 2, 3 and 4 (except paragraph 4(a)) of British Standards Specification No. BS. 4F 34: 1960: for thread of that count.”

S. Clinton Davis
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for
Companies, Aviation and Shipping
Department of Trade

20th March 1975

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Fishing Vessels) (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975 by specifying additional marking and construction requirements for the lifebuoys, and by specifying additional requirements for the lifejackets, required to be carried on fishing vessels. The Rules also correct a typographical error in Schedule 10 of the principal Rules.